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http://www.angelfire.com/ok/worldofradio/Dxldmid.html

\*\* INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. The Dec 29 edition of NPR's Living on Earth contains a brief segment, transcript of which starts like this:

## Sun Song

CURWOOD: The northern lights, or aurora borealis, make some of nature's most sublime performances. They're pulsating sheets of white and colored lights streaming down from the heavens above the North Pole. Auroras appear when surges of charged particles from the sun hit the earth's magnetic fields. The particles emit light, and, it turns out, they emit sound as well. But unlike the lights, you need special equipment to hear the sound of the aurora. Steve McGreevy has some of that special equipment. He calls himself a natural radio recordist, and he travels around in a van capturing the sounds of natural phenomena. Steve McGreevy invited producer Barrett Golding to turn these sounds of the aurora borealis into radio. The result is called Sun Song.

(Crackling and whistles accompanied by guitar) ...

Full transcript is at

http://www.loe.org/thisweek/thisweek.htm#feature2 and audio will be available starting January 2. If you should find the show on your NPR station, the segment starts roughly 10 minutes into the show at a quarter past the hour. As a matter of fact, we could do without the guitar...

Actually, this is a repeat of a 3:30 segment on the August 4 show, which is already available at http://www.haa.harvard.edu:82/ath/video/08049of9.ram (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INTERNET VACUUM. Re: NYE webcast monitoring site http://www.ibcworks.net -- two problems this year.. 1. links that are dead, and two: embedded players. Working out the first part, the 2nd is a problem (Lou Josephs, Dec 30, swprograms via DXLD)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. Being as far north as I am, the Chinese and Korean stations really predominate. In Victoria, PNGs and Indos, even Indian

stations are easier to hear. Dawn enhancement was quite dramatic: 30 Dec 1700 + [excerpt:]

3959.74 Pyongyang with mostly instrumental music fair to good, but fading by sign-off with national anthem at 1759.
3985 Echo of Hope very strong
(Walt Salmaniw, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* LIBERIA. Following my previous posting, I can confirm that the station heard on 5000 kHz at 1855 on Dec 28 is indeed Liberia Communications Network. After careful analysis of the recording I heard the DJ end the musical program at 1900 by saying: "...stay tuned to the ..().. service of Liberia Communications Network. Don't go away".

As I am all but an expert of the current Liberian political situation, I spent some time searching on the web and found out that Liberia Communications Network is supposed to be very close to Liberian president Charles Taylor. LCN for example, denounced in August an attempt by the US to kill president Taylor. The US later denied the news. Charles Taylor is considered by a United Nations panel "actively involved in fuelling the violence in Sierra Leone". These, and other pieces of interesting news on the station, can be found on the web site http://allafrica.com/ By the way, no trace of the station yesterday and today. Happy 2001 to all the list. (Davide Maspero, Italy, Dec 30, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

\*\* NIGERIA. Yet another African station has been missing, 4770 (Chris Hambly, Victoria, Dec 29, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NORTH AMERICAN PIRATE: 6940 USB. KIPM Starting at tune-in 30 Dec at 0251, this eclectic station was pretty much continuously heard with a very strong signal. This fella is either multi kw, or is located in the north west. Signed off at 0300, but found him again at 0310 on 6950 USB. Again at 0458 on 6942 USB with sign-off at 0507. At 0514 found him on 6955 USB with an Antarctic story. Suddenly off at 0549, but back on at 0554 with "the Adversary". Still going strong at 0756, but finally signed off just before 0800 with good to very good reception. Must never sleep! (Walt Salmaniw, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. VOR, 13666 Dec 24 at 0209 w/nx. Excellent signal but definitely on that freq and not 13665. Listed as via Petro-K. "New and Views" at 0211 (Liz Cameron, MI, MARE via DXLD)

VoR 13666 0254 12/24 that freq NOT a typo. EE pgm "Moscow Yesterday and Today" about choral music (Larry Russell, MI, MARE via DXLD)

Obviously the Russkies are trying to freak out superstitious Amerikanskies (gh)

\*\* RUSSIA. 7175 Khabarovsk. Test tones 30 Dec at 0805. Very strong "Govorit Vladivostok" at 0815 followed by interval signal, and subsequent program, Radiostantsiya Tikhiy Okean. Listened to the entire program, as I recall English listed on Saturdays in the past, but no joy. Mostly a new year's type program with family messages to sailors, interviews with children, and even religious segments. Not sure how regular they are, as previous checks didn't reveal anything (Volodya Salmaniw, Queen Charlotte Is, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TIBET [non]. Today, Saturday 30 December 2000, I have heard Voice of Tibet on a new frequency. At 1207 utc tune in the Russian transmitter had the usual tones then at 1211 the interval signal. This was on 15705 kHz, which was a good strong signal here in Newcastle, northern United Kingdom. Best reception however was obtained by tuning my portable Sangean to 15706 because of interference from adjacent channel Radio Bulgaria on 15700. I started to look for any possible parallel frequency, starting at 15695 and tuning down and heard the familiar interval signal on the new frequency of 15595. Reception was only fair to good here. The opening announcements at 1215 were in parallel on both frequencies but I do not know whether this new signal is from the same Russian transmitter having only tuned in at 1212 and missed the tones that would confirm this (Harry Brooks, UK, December 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K. We have compiled BBCWS previews for all of January, to be included little by little in DXLD as each start date approaches. The entire opus has been posted at http://www.topica.com/lists/swprograms/read/message.html? mid=1600749249&sort=d&start=5250

Lots of entries start Jan 1-5, so will be in next DXLD. For now, only this one is imminent, as it appears in the Jan, not Dec BBC On Air:

## WORLDPLAY

Specially commissioned radio plays from stations around the world, featuring younger writers relatively new to radio

Eu Sun 0001, 1701 Am Sun 0000, Mon 0630

Timbuktoo, by Matt Parker, 1  $\times$  60 min Dec 31-Jan 1 BBC production. Mansa Musa is making his way across the desert to Timbuktu to bring some books to the university which he founded. But when he arrives he finds it only half built

(Jan BBC On Air via Chris Hambly, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 740 WNOP Newport KY; 1400-1700E, 23-Dec; "Real Jazz 7-40 WNOP", ID'd as Newport @ToH but Cincinnati other times. Repeated anmt that they're ending 40 yrs of jazz on 12/31. Only hint as to their persona after that was repeated anmt, "Sacred Heart Radio is stealing the jazz". "The Day the Music Died" T-shirts available for 18\$. This is all very reminiscent of the anmts that 1560 WQEW ran when the changed from Big Bands to Disney. At 1600E their sig dropped off noticeably even though that was my closest point to them, so assume a power/pattern change, or maybe I was just out of their lobe. Don't you just hate it when you're out of their lobe? (Harold Frodge--Travelling thru Indiana, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. You are invited to begin your New Years Eve celebration with CyberShortwave "Live"! starting at 1600 UT on Sunday December 31st. Details on how to listen to this Internet Only Webcast are on my web site http://www.n1dk.com A shortcut is to set your Winamp or Real Player "Open Location" (CTRL-L) to http://216.32.166.89:9020 You can also do a search for "CyberShortwave" or "n1dk" at http://www.live365.com In addition to holiday related world type music, shortwave and Internet New Years listening suggestions, we will be chatting with you live in Internet Relay Chat Channel #SWL via a Starchat server. A word of caution is in order at this time of the year: If you plan to consume "Tuning Oil" this New Years Eve, remember to have a "Designated SWL" to take over the controls of your shortwave radio and computer! :) 73 and have a Safe and Happy New Year, (Dave and Susan Kirby (N1DK), swltalk via DXLD)

\*\* U S A. Webcasting Public Radio stations holiday specials; ALL TIMES HERE ONLY ARE CENTRAL = UT MINUS 6. Most URLs are www dot call letters dot org; some exceptions are noted. -XXXX means duration not specified, tho often determinable from other stations` listings. yir = year in review; bo = best of

CST SUNDAY DECEMBER 31, 2000

0600-0700 WHYY SOUND & SPIRIT nostalgia 0800-XXXX KANSAS VIVALDI GLORIA Salir

VIVALDI GLORIA Salina Chorale http://www.radiokansas.org

1000-XXXXWFMT BACH XMAS ORATORIOS conclusion

http://www.wfmt.com

1000-1100 WCPN BACKFIRE! 2000

1000-xxxx CYBERSHORTWAVE LIVE NYE CELEBRATION

http://216.32.166.89:9020

1200-1300 KUNI WEEKEND RADIO incl GOON SHOW

http://kuniradio.org

1200-1300 WHYY SOUND & SPIRIT nostalgia

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1200-1300 WCAL SOUND & SPIRIT nostalgia
1400-1500 KUNI THISTLE & SHAMROCK WINTERFEST
1400-XXXX WNYCA
                   IDYLLS OF THE KING drama
1400-XXXX VPR ALL THE FAVORITES WITH ROBERT RESNIK yir
                        http://www.vpr.net
1500-1600 KUNI
                   CELTIC CONNEXIONS
1500-1900 KOED WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ
1500-XXXXWCNY RING OUT THE OLD, IN THE NEW
                        handbells/carillons
1630-1700 WCAL XMAS EVERY DAY reading
1700-1800 WCAL WEEKEND RADIO incl GOON SHOW
1700-1800 WOIFM
                   CAPITOL STEPS
1700-1800 KPBX THISTLE & SHAMROCK WINTERFEST
1800-1900 VPR CAPITOL STEPS
1800-1900 WXXIA
                   CAPITOL STEPS
1800-1900 KNAU CAPITOL STEPS
1800-1900 WCAL THISTLE & SHAMROCK WINTERFEST
1800-1900 WFCR BACKFIRE! 2000
1800-1900 WPSU BACKFIRE! 2000 http://wpsu.psu.edu/
1800-1900 WYSO SOUND & SPIRIT nostalgia
1800-1930 WNYCF
                   BACH CANTATA PILGRIMAGE CONCERT *LIVE*
1800-XXXX WKARF
                   FOLK SAMPLER yir
1800-XXXX WFIU MUSIC OF BAROQUE XMAS SPECIAL
                        http://www.indiana.edu/~wfiu/
1800-2000 WAMU THE BIG BROADCAST NY EVE oldtime radio
1900-2000 WCNY ORGELWERKE Bach Xmas Pipes
1900-2000 KUNI CAPITOL STEPS
1900-2000 NWPR CAPITOL STEPS
1900-2000 WPSU CAPITOL STEPS
                   THISTLE & SHAMROCK WINTERFEST
1900-XXXX WKARF
1900-XXXX VPR FROM THE TOP HOLIDAY SPECIAL
1900-2100 WYSO ALPHARHYTHMS ambient/new age
2000-2100 WBEZ WBEZ BEST JAZZ OF THE YEAR
2000-2100 WMUB CAPITOL STEPS
2000-2100 KUNI IMAGINATION WORKSHOP 2000 YIR
2000-2100 WPSU IMAGINATION WORKSHOP 2000 YIR
2000-2200 KCRW SPOKEN INTERLUDES NYE literary salon [NOT; 2100?]
                   CINEMA CLASSICS 2001: Space Odyssey
2000-2100 KANSAS
2000-XXXX WKARF
                   2001: A CELTIC ODYSSEY
2000-XXXX WCNY BLUEGRASS RAMBLE yirbo
2000-2500 WAMU HOT JAZZ NYE vintage
2000-2600 WFMT MIDNIGHT SPECIAL
2100-2200 OPB BACKFIRE! 2000
2100-2300
                KCRW
                        SPOKEN INTERLUDES NYE literary salon ****
[above was not on at 2000 as per KCRW info; probably meant 2100]
2100-2300 KUNI WORLD CAFE
2100-2300 NWPR ECHOES NY techno-tribal
2100-2500 WCAL RING IN THE NEW classical/jazz/bigband &
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## dropping in on NPR:

[Note: the following program appears under various title variations; check some of the station websites for segment timings and info on origination from different cities]

2100-2700 KOED NPR NYE 2000 JAZZFEST COAST TO COAST 2100-2700 WFCR TOAST OF THE NATION JAZZSET 2100-2700 WBEZ TOAST OF THE NATION jazz 2100-2700 WCPN TOAST OF THE NATION NPR JAZZSET 2100-2700 VPR TOAST OF THE NATION 2100-2700 WYSO TOAST OF THE NATION NPR JAZZ C2C 2100-2700 WHYY TOAST THE NATION [sic] 2100-XXXX WAMC NPR NYE 2000 JAZZFEST COAST TO COAST 2100-XXXX WMUB NPR NYE JAZZ TOAST OF THE NATION NYE JAZZ 2100-XXXX WOIAM 2100-XXXXWPSU TOAST OF THE NATION NPR JAZZ 2200-XXXX KANU NYE 2000 jazz http://kanu.ukans.edu/ 2200-XXXX KPBX NPR JAZZ RINGS IN NEW YEAR 2200-0200 KING NYE @ BENAROYA HALL Seattle 2300-XXXXWFMT LIVE FOLK MUSIC in MIDNIGHT SPECIAL 2300-2600 KUNI MIDNIGHT SPECIAL NYE 2300-2600 KCRW THE OPEN ROAD musical joyride 2600-2800 KUNI ECHOES NY techno-tribal 2700-2800 WYSO BACKFIRE! 2000

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